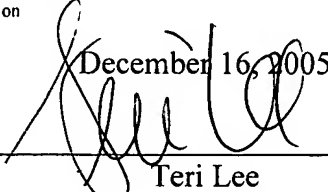


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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application, please amend the application as indicated beginnings on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the Amendments to the Specification on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.